COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 1091-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: HB 648

Subject: Elections; Public Officers; Political Subdivisions

Type: Original

<u>Date</u>: March 10, 2015

Bill Summary: This proposal requires election authorities to provide a description of the

facts establishing probable cause for election fraud if requested by the

investigating authorities.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	
General Revenue	(\$47,380)	(\$57,424)	(\$57,999)	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$47,380)	(\$57,424)	(\$57,999)	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	
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Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	
General Revenue	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume this proposal adds statutory duties to SOS in the case where an "investigative authority" requests a probable cause statement to be written by SOS. SOS will hire an investigator, at \$37,404 per year, to take on this added duty and receive the training necessary to meet the specialized requirements of such probable cause statement.

Officials at the Platte County Board of Election Commission, the Jackson County Board of Election Commission, the Lincoln County Clerk's Office, the St. Louis County Board of Election Commission, and Kansas City Board of Election Commission each assume no fiscal impact from this proposal to their respective organizations.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
GENERAL REVENUE	(=====)		
Costs - SOS Personal Service Fringe Benefits Total Cost - SOS FTE Change - SOS	(\$31,170) (\$16,210) (\$47,380) 1 FTE	(\$37,778) (\$19,646) (\$57,424) 1 FTE	(\$38,156) (\$19,843) (\$57,999) 1 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$47,380)</u>	<u>(\$57,424)</u>	<u>(\$57,999)</u>
Estimated Net FTE Change on General Revenue	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

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FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill allows any authority that has proper jurisdiction to investigate election fraud to request a particular description of facts that form the basis for a verification board, election authority, bipartisan committee, or the Office of the Secretary of State's evidence suggesting an election law violation has occurred. These entities currently have a duty to contact the proper authority to investigate election fraud if they obtain evidence suggesting that a violation of law has occurred.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Secretary of State
Platte County Board of Election Commission
Kansas City Board of Election Commission
Jackson County Board of Election Commission
Lincoln County Clerk's Office
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission

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